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President, SGA confer about plans for year

Heather Rutherford
Asst. News Editor

The Student Government Association met for the first time last week along with members of Suffolk University's administration to deliver plans for the year.

First on the agenda for SGA was to take the oaths of the newly elected senators, followed by the introduction of President Norman Smith.

"I haven't even been here a month, and it just occurred to me that I haven't even taken an oath yet, so I may not be president," he said, bringing laughter to everyone in the room.

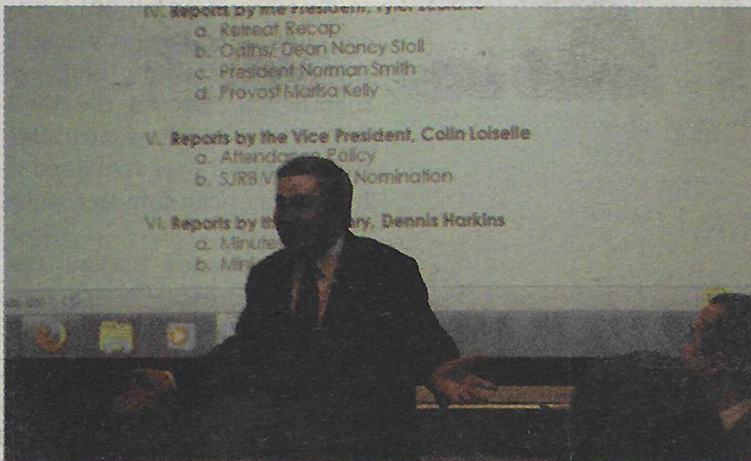
Smith began to address his upcoming initiatives for Suffolk University.

"It's full of challenges. But not challenges that colleges and universities throughout the country are not facing," Smith said, "One of the biggest ones that has to be overcome, and I think it can in time, is the problem of enrollment revenue-dependency."

Smith explained there are a total of about 2,200 private independent colleges in America.

"Students want to go to school where the action is," referring to the urban location of Boston colleges, and specifically Suffolk.

The problem is a lot of what Suffolk is doing is based off tuition dollars.



Sam Humphrey/Opinion Editor

"I want this place to become rich and famous. I want diplomas to be extremely valuable, and become less enrollment revenue-dependent."

-- Smith

"We are 97 percent enrollment revenue-dependent," the president said to the lecture room filled with dozens of students.

In order to bring this number down, Smith plans to find larger donors to invest in Suffolk.

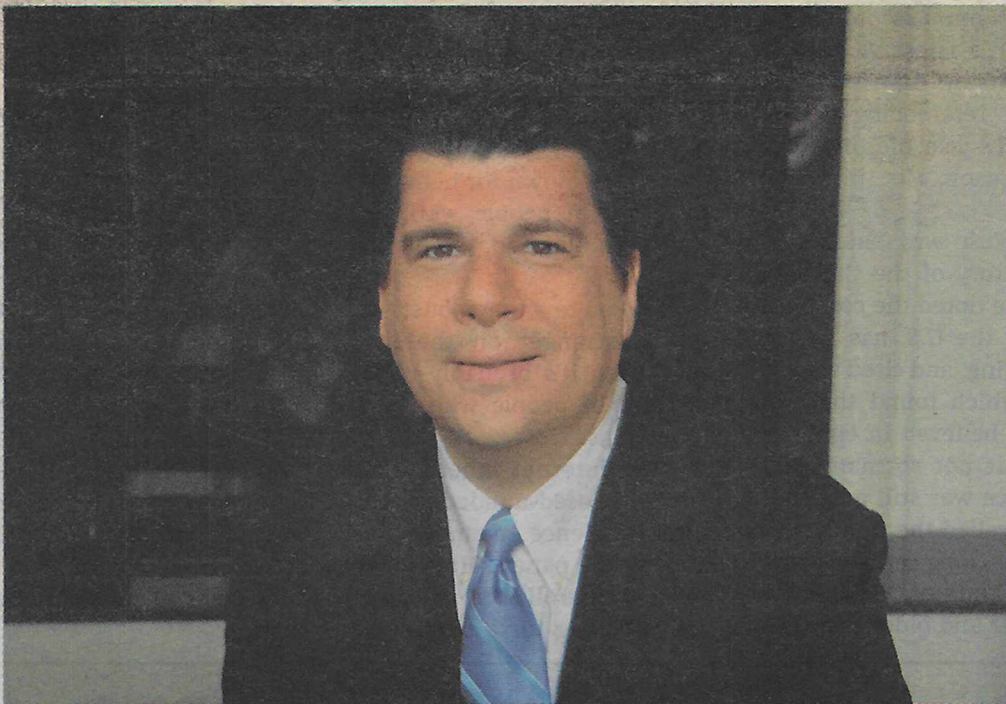
"We've got alumni who have substantial wealth that could come invest in this place, and make tuition less [of] what pays for everything," Smith said.

While alumni are sought for donations, Smith has another plan for them.

"Instead of focusing on being annual-giving donors, focus on, for lack of a better

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Paleologos discusses governor's race, research institute



Courtesy of Political Research Center

Dave Paleologos is looking forward to the future of Suffolk polling.

Jamin Buttafaro
Journal Staff

Dave Paleologos is a very busy man. He runs his own business, is a member of the American Association of Public Opinion Research and the Northeast Political Consultants Association, and he teaches a political survey research class on campus. He is also the director of the university's Political Research Center.

Paleologos is working hard to put Suffolk University on the national and global map through its poll. He has been building Suffolk's reputation in political polling for over a

decade now. *USA Today* has picked up Suffolk University as their polling partner and is relying on Paleologos and his staff for national polls to be published across all of *USA Today's* partnerships. Their current focus: the national Senate race.

Paleologos and the poll's name are currently on TV and in newspapers with polls on the Massachusetts governor's race. Martha Coakley, the current attorney general and a democrat, is running against Charlie Baker, a republican, and three independent candidates, Evan Falchuk, Scott Lively, Jeff McCormick.

On the election Paleologos said, "It's going to be really

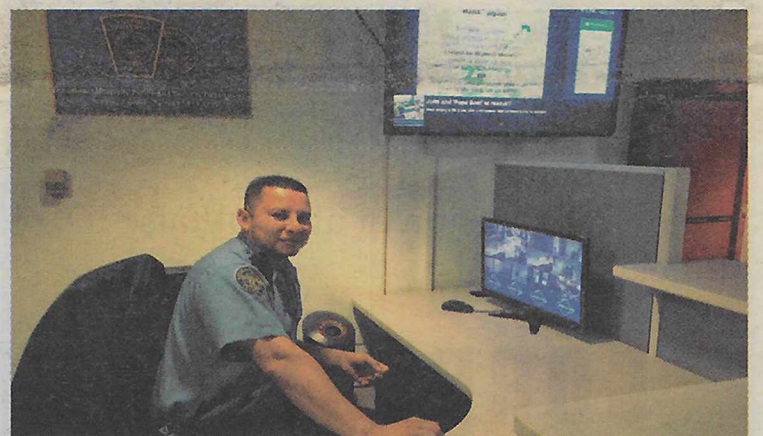
close. You have two candidates that haven't energized voters. So, younger voter participation is going to be lower. They aren't very good debaters and there might be opportunity for a third party candidate to catch some of the votes."

Suffolk's Partner, *USA Today*, has historically only used the nation's top polls.

"Their previous poll partners: Gallup and Pew. And now, Suffolk," Paleologos said, as though it is still sinking in for him. This partnership extends to all 85 publications as well as 47 TV stations owned by *USA Today's* parent

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SUPD works on app in hopes of increasing safety



Jonathan Acosta Abi Hassan/Journal Staff

Security Officer Marco Flores.

Melissa Hanson
Editor-in-Chief

Connie Lai
Journal Contributor

The Suffolk University Police Department published its annual security and fire safety report last week, revealing statistics on campus crime and data on how the university deals with incidences like sexual assault.

SUPD has a limited police escort program, as noted in the report and by Chief Gerard Coletta in an interview with *The Suffolk Journal*. In order to supplement that, SUPD is in the process of purchasing a smartphone application to be a "virtual guide" for students who cannot be physically escorted by an officer.

Coletta explained that a student can tell the app where he or she is going and what mode of transportation he or

she is using the get there. The app then calculates how long it should take the user to get to his or her destination. If the person's arrival time or speed vastly changes, the app would alert SUPD who would then call the person's phone.

"It looks like a pretty good system," said Coletta, who will demo the app next week. The chief believes a large number of students will use it just based on the number of requests SUPD receives for escorts.

Though the app will come out of SUPD's budget, Coletta believes it will be free for students and will be accessible in any part of the city as long as the user's phone has cellular service.

The app is being made with cboard, who also makes the Suffolk Ram Card, Coletta said.

Aside from working on the app, SUPD is examining how the university handles reports of sexual assault, which are

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POLICE BLOTTER

Monday, October 6

8:25 p.m.

Sawyer Building

Larceny.

Saturday, October 4

1:44 a.m.

Non-reportable location

Other agency assist, robbery.

BPD assumed jurisdiction.

Saturday, October 4

12:54 p.m.

10 West

Robbery. BPD assumed jurisdiction.

Saturday, October 4

3:21 p.m.

Temple Street

Other agency assist/trespassing.

BPD assumed jurisdiction.

Saturday, October 4

10:12 p.m.

150 Tremont

Minor in possession of alcohol/false ID.

Judicial Internal.

CORRECTION

Due to a reporting error, Cameron Viola was wrongly referred to in an article on SGA elections and initiatives. The Journal apologizes for this error.

Bloggers exchange ideas on Internet, racism and activism

Sam Humphrey
Opinion Editor

To kick off its fall 2014 season, Ford Hall Forum brought three anti-racism bloggers together to discuss the Civil Rights Act and how attitudes have changed -- or remained -- in the American mindset since 1964.

The audience packed the historic African Meeting House, just a few blocks from Suffolk's Archer building, as the bloggers mainly talked about how discussions of race, and activism, have moved more and more online.

Despite their shared focus on anti-racism, bloggers Jay Smooth, of The Ill Doctrine, Spectra Speaks, of her eponymous blog, and Andrew Ti, of Yo, Is This Racist?, take different approaches to addressing racism and social justice, and to reaching their followers online.

Smooth reaches his audience through a vlog (video blog), and often incorporates hip-hop into his political vlog posts. His latest vlog is 'Stray Thoughts on Hip-Hop and Ferguson,' referencing the murder of 18-year-old Mike Brown in Ferguson, Mo., in early August.

Smooth was "humbled by the history of the Civil Rights Act." He noted the complicated history the U.S. has had since its signing, and cited a study by MTV which found that young people believed in egalitarianism, but not so many believe that race was still an issue.

He called the findings some of "the long-term effects of color blindness." Age, and how younger and older people talk-



Sam Humphrey/Opinion Editor

(Left to Right): Spectra Speaks and Jay Smooth spoke at the Ford Hall Forum, while Andrew Ti phoned in.

ed about racism, were featured prominently throughout the night's discussion.

Speaks said younger people are talking about race in different ways than older people.

"History can weigh on you like an anchor," she said. The younger generation talks about race online "because it gives us more autonomy ... away from the elders." She said that elders like to remind young people of their age when they talk about race, which isn't always helpful to young people.

Andrew Ti, who was not present but participated via phone, is known for being very direct with people who write in to his blog, Yo, Is This Racist?

"If you're anonymously asking a stranger on the internet, then it's probably racist," Ti said of people who submit questions.

The Internet inherently attracts closed-minded people, one audience member said, asking the panel, "How do you deal with trolls?" A troll is Internet slang for a person who

starts arguments or introduces off-topic or provocative subjects for the pleasure of upsetting, disrupting, or silencing others.

Some of them "are just people who cannot be reached," said Smooth. "They're on the wrong side of history," and the Internet can make it easy for them to use such crude and hurtful language.

Bluntly, Ti said "it is incredibly satisfying to meet trolls with profanity," though each blogger also said they have to choose their battles in fighting trolls, and that most of the offensive responses they get are not worth responding too.

When asked if the recent protests in Ferguson, Mo., were just a moment and the beginning of a movement, Speaks said she thought they were "moments, but movements start with a series of moments." It seems the same can be said of the Internet, which is a collection of new activists' voices on race in a movement to continue the discussion.

Dave Paleologos talks Suffolk polling and future of SUPRC

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company, Gannett Company, Inc.

Paleologos is excited for the opportunities that students have because of his efforts with political polling.

"It's great for me personally, great for Suffolk University, but it's great for students too. I want to give [the students] some ink, give [them] the credit. Students are empowered. This is about using what I have to help students," he said.

It all comes down to the research center's bellwether model, authored by Paleologos, designed to predict outcomes of elections, which it does at an accuracy rate of 85 percent. Prior to the 2012 elections, while using this method, Paleologos and his team set out to gather data on a topic that

does not garner much attention around election time yet remains an unseen factor: how many Americans don't vote?

"We screen out unlikely voters because they are not going to vote. Then I looked at the statistics. There are millions of Americans who are not voting. So I said, let's do a survey about the mass of people who don't vote."

Paleologos went to *USA Today* in August 2012 with this potential poll, and they were interested in what he might find. He said his findings were astonishing, with numbers upwards of 90 million *USA Today* published an article showcasing Paleologos' findings on the front page.

"When I saw the placement of this article, I said to myself,

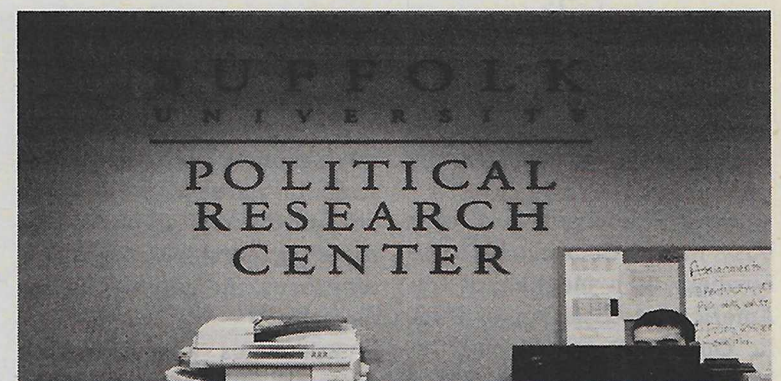
'I could see [Suffolk University] partnering with *USA Today*. They gave us front page coverage,'" Paleologos said.

The New York Times and *Wall Street Journal*, two publications that Paleologos said never share polls with *USA Today*, also found the research center's numbers interesting.

"They both did pieces on our poll which is unheard of. They don't do that," he said. "I was blown away when I saw that, and I said to myself, 'this is pretty cool.'"

After the articles were published, Paleologos went to Susan Page, the Washington Bureau Chief for *USA Today*, in pursuit of ongoing polling partnership.

What is next for Suffolk's poll? Paleologos says that his



Sam Humphrey/Opinion Editor

true passion lies in international polling. Prior to the partnership with *USA Today*, Paleologos set his sights on international opportunities with potential partnerships with Scotland and London as well as the Republic of Georgia. These opportunities have been forced to lay dormant due to

the *USA Today* partnership, awaiting perhaps the next phase of Paleologos' journey in political polling.

"After the election, I don't know what. I have to figure out what the next step is. I want to do international polls," he said.

Pagan talks intersections of identity and career

Thalia Yunen
News Editor

Javier Pagan, one of the first Boston Police officers to assist at the Boston Marathon bombings, an LGBTQ liaison for the Boston Police Department, and alumnus of Suffolk University came to campus to speak about his career, his identity, and how both influence each other.

Pagan, who is the youngest of five, was born in Puerto Rico and then moved to the Dorchester neighborhood of Boston after the busing crisis had occurred. During this time, Boston had ordered students to be bused around to different schools in order to desegregate them.

"It was becoming diversified but it wasn't as diversified as we would've hoped," Pagan recalled. "Certain things would happen, like my mom would take us to school and people would throw beer bottles at us, call us the N-word."

Being from Puerto Rico, he said he and his siblings didn't know what the word meant.

He credits his mother with giving him a positive outlook on life.

"She would say, 'there's always bad people in the world, but there are more good people' ... I could've taken that and made it into a negative, or turned it into a positive."

The easygoing, well-dressed and well-spoken Pagan described how he dealt with negativity surrounding his cultural and sexual identity at Suffolk University Law School last week.

"I took the path of dealing

with such negativity growing up and seeing the disparity and the way people are treated when they are different ... Most GLBT, we've come a long way with gay marriage and 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' but there are those that are still mistreated."

Being Latino and gay aren't the only components of his identity. Pagan was also raised in a Catholic home, and being gay wasn't really accepted.

"In kindergarten, we used to have to hold hands when we went walking from classroom to classroom, but whenever I touched a girl's hand my hand felt clammy." When he touched a red-haired boy named Russell's hands, he felt a shock, he said.

"I didn't know what gay was, and gay icons were not on TV at the time, it was nothing sexual. I was just different."

At 26 years old, Pagan came out to his family and friends, and, to his surprise, they already knew. He said that they had been waiting for him to come out for some time, or just didn't care that he was gay.

After graduating from Suffolk in 1993 with a degree in sociology, Pagan took a job in the private sector for a telemarketing company called SalesLink. Two years later, he took the civil service exam. While at Suffolk, Pagan was chair of Program Council and a member of the Suffolk University Hispanic Association.

After he went through the police academy, he was assigned to District four, which is now the South End. "D-four was the gay mecca of the city at the time. I wasn't out in the academy yet, but I think it was my awakening moment, seeing

people walking around holding hands."

Pagan went on to become a GLBT liaison for the Boston Police Department, and has been since 2002. His philosophy as a police officer is "if you treat people with respect, you avoid half the [stuff] you deal with." He tries to make inroads in communities of color, and all communities that don't trust cops. "We try to embrace and try to let people know that they can feel free to come to the police."

For any Suffolk student hoping to become a police officer, he offered advice. "If you're taking this job and you can't deal with being called a name, then don't take this job."

Pagan went on to describe his experience at the finish

line when the first bomb exploded at the 2013 Boston Marathon. "Right where the first explosion happened, that was my assignment." Pagan said he was supposed to face the crowd and make sure there were no radicals. He moved to step out of the way so that he wouldn't land in people's pictures. "All of a sudden we hear 'boom.' Pagan said he thought it was a manhole explosion or a generator.

"We started running to the first explosion and then the second one happened," he said. Referring to the Sports Illustrated cover he was featured on, he said, "They're in different positions in the photo, they're in 'Charlie's Angels' pose because all of the officers were running in different

directions. They didn't know where the explosion was coming from."

Pagan says he was fortunate to be able to go home to his husband, a New York Police Department officer who served at Ground Zero on Sept. 11, 2001.

He was assigned to work the Boston Marathon this year. "Even though it was a year later, you could see that people were healed," he said.

This event, held on Oct. 1, was part of LGBTQ History and National Hispanic [American] Heritage month, and was a collaboration between Diversity Services, Suffolk's Alumni Association, Rainbow Alliance, and Suffolk University Hispanic Association.



Thalia Yunen/News Editor

(Left to Right): Managing Director of Alumni Engagement Elizabeth Conley, Director of Diversity Services Jacinda Felix Haro, SUHA President Lidia Zayas, Javier Pagan, and Rainbow Alliance President Amy Kerr.

SGA and President Smith unite for first meeting after election

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word, 'adopt-a-student,'" Smith said.

Alumni would take students under their wing, get them in the workplace, and help them get discovered.

The president wanted to remind students to make those contacts and connections now.

"The most important thing students can do while they're at college today is get discovered," Smith said to the crowd.

Another challenge Smith wants to overcome is attracting positive recognition.

"We have to get this place on the radar screen," he said. "Outside of Boston, Suffolk does not have the visibility, the reputation, and the stature it deserves."

When students want to take their diplomas down to the mid-Atlantic area of the United States, Smith wants to make sure a degree from Suffolk is recognized for what it should be. "When you say 'Boston colleges,' people say, 'Oh, Harvard, MIT, BU, BC, Northeastern, Babson, Tufts,' that's where it stops."

Smith ditched the old marketing campaign by his fourth day as president, and is now in the midst of creating a campaign that targets the mid-Atlantic region, one that boasts only positive qualities.

Smith was asked whether plans for a new student center is in the future and replied, "It's not in the works but it's

absolutely necessary ... I'm going to need a couple more weeks," he said.

When asked if he has plans to further integrate the New England School of Art and Design with the Suffolk campus, he said, "I've only been here three weeks, but I love the arts."

Talking about our current facilities, Smith said, "We have to think about cost effectiveness...and relative location." He hinted towards a plan to turn the law school bookstore into the "university non-book store," and using the Cambridge Street location as a textbook store.

To sum up his objectives, Smith said, "I want this place

to become rich and famous. I want diplomas to be extremely valuable, and become less enrollment revenue-dependent."

Dean of Student Affairs Nancy Stoll addressed members of SGA.

"I commend you for your willingness to take on this role. It's a very important role, and I can't overstate that, because you are representing the students at this university ... I meet with the SGA president once a week, and that's a very important meeting," said Stoll.

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Marisa Kelly was also present to explain her role to the SGA members.

"Both academic affairs and student affairs report to me, so

I think that's really important for undergraduate students," said Kelly.

Kelly later explained she wants to focus on the "total educational experience," and that a student's full experience, both in and outside of a classroom, is very critical.

The SGA's first initiative was electing student Elaine Mata as the Vice Chair of the Student Judicial Review Board. She is responsible for helping Vice President Colin Loissele coordinate board meetings and official business.

The SGA meets weekly to make sure students on campus are heard, and to communicate their opinions to the university's administration.

Rainbow sprinkles for Rainbow Alliance

Gina DeMatteo
Journal Contributor

Around 100 students, both members and non-members of the Rainbow Alliance, came to celebrate and chat together in honor of the start of LGBTQ history month. Surrounded by ice cream, the Rainbow Alliance club gathered in Donahue 481 last Thursday to celebrate.

The theme for the month is arts, community, and healing. Whether the conversation was about the club or student's lives, everyone seemed to have a wonderful time in the event's welcoming and comfortable environment.

"I think it's the perfect way to relax after having a stressful day of school, as well as a fun way to get students involved with the club," said Jon Mace, a sophomore.

"Most cultural groups will

do heritage food at the start of their history month, so in honor of LGBTQ, we wanted to celebrate with ice cream and rainbow sprinkles to show our pride. What better way to have community, than around food?" asked Amy Kerr, the president of Rainbow Alliance. The event included vanilla ice cream and an assortment of toppings.

Ben Shopper, sophomore at Suffolk and vice president of Rainbow Alliance said, "It's important to celebrate our heritage, so that we can share the history with everyone, whether they be a part of the club, or not. We just want to inform everyone about who we are and what our club is, all while doing it in a fun and memorable way. Who is going to hear about free ice cream and not come, you know?"

Meeting every Thursday during activities period in room 108 of Sawyer, Rain-

bow Alliance members often talk about current events that are happening in the LGBTQ world.

"We meet because we like to have a sense of community, and a sense of support. It's comforting to know that there are others around to talk to, and that your voice will never go unheard," said Kerr. Since October is history month, instead of talking about current events, members are hosting and attending all sorts of functions that show off their pride, including "Safe Zone 1," which focuses on educating participants on issues that impact the LGBTQ community, Coming Out Discussion and Support Group, National Coming Out Day, Spirit Day, and coming in at the number one most popular event, the Annual Drag Show. The Drag Show is the second longest performing arts tradition on campus, so students, and even teachers



Courtesy of Diversity Services Facebook



Gina DeMatteo/Journal Contributor

Left: Students enjoying the ice cream social.

Right: Vice President Ben Shopper and President Amy Kerr of Rainbow Alliance.

come to enjoy a night filled with fashion and glamour. All of these events are free, and anyone can attend.

SUPD releases annual safety report

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receiving more attention than in years past from colleges and from the U.S. government.

The last time a sexual assault was reported on campus and recorded in accordance to the Clery Act, was in 2010; there were two in that year, Coletta said.

"We've investigated sexual assaults in those years, but not sexual assaults that needed to be reported or that were required to be reported under Clery," Coletta said. "It's not whether we want to or don't want to report them. It's that the law specifically says 'you report this and you don't report this.'"

College and university police departments are required to release a report including crime and fire statistics by Oct. 1 each year in accordance with the Jeanne Clery Act.

For the first time, the report included incidences of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and updated information on sexual assault, Coletta said.

In 2013, there were two incidences of domestic violence and one instance of dating violence on campus. There were no recorded incidents of stalking.

There were two arrests on campus in 2013, both for drug law violations, according to the report.

Coletta said the university typically has a low number of arrests on campus, and most incidents are referred to student discipline for action. In 2013 there was one referral for possession of an illegal weapon, 36 for drug law violations,

and 263 referrals for liquor law violations.

The total number of referrals in 2013 was lower than the totals in 2012 and 2011.

The last time there was a fire on campus reported in the security and fire safety report was in 2011, recorded in the act as arson to papers on a bulletin board in 150 Tremont.

There was a fire on campus in 2014, Coletta said, which will appear in next year's report.

The report was emailed to every Suffolk student on Sept. 30 via email.

"This is something we talked about during freshman year at orientation that I think everyone should read," said Justin Brochu, a sophomore, of the report.

SUPD is comprised of 33 sworn police officers, who carry a baton and pepper spray, 33 security officers, who do not carry a baton or pepper spray, five dispatchers, three civilian employees, and 15 student security officers, according to the report.

The Boston Globe recently reported that the University of Massachusetts Police Department used a student as a confidential police informant. The student informant later died of a heroin overdose, according to the article.

When asked if SUPD would ever use student informants, Coletta gave a stern "no."

"We don't have an informant program, nor would I ever anticipate having one here," he said.

Now that the report is out, SUPD is focusing on the app

and other safety and training programs on campus, Coletta said.

Sophomore Emily Dyer said the app sounds like something she would download.

"It should be relatively easy to use. Sometimes you don't know you're in a dangerous

situation until you're in it, so you shouldn't be struggling," Dyer said. "I think it's a really good idea for people who not only live off-campus, but for everyone across the city spectrum."


For the remainder of the year, SUPD will be reviewing

its policies and procedures and working on more training for handling reports of sexual assault at the university, Coletta said.

"We're looking at training for the whole university," he said. "We're keeping pretty busy."



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Mass grave in Mexico: Local authorities are main suspects

Alexa Gagosz
Asst. Int'l News Editor

Forty-three students have gone missing in Mexico since Sept. 27, last seen being shoved into police vans.

Now, on the outskirts of the town of Iguala, a mass grave has been found; whether or not the bodies are those of the missing students remain unknown. The bodies "were covered in petrol and burned before they were buried," Guerrero state attorney general Iñaky Blanco Cabrera told reporters on Sunday, as reported by *The Guardian*.

The group was heading to Guerrero to protest for teacher's rights when police opened fire on some of their buses, killing six people.

Gang members have said local police handed the students over to them to be killed, according to *The Guardian*. The students allegedly were members of the gang.

At least 15 of the bodies are awaiting identification after being pulled out of the ditch. Blanco refused to say how many bodies were actually in the ditch according to the *New Zealand Herald* as the site is currently being blocked off by troops and police officers.

"We still can't talk about an exact number of bodies. We are still working at the site," Blanco told the press at a conference late Saturday night.

The grave was found when 30 suspects spoke about the case and stated its location. Out of the suspects, 22 are police officers and the remaining eight were gang members according to *CNN*.

If the bodies are confirmed to be those of the students, this would be one of the worst slayings that Mexico has seen since the drug war intensified in 2006. This event will add a stain on President Enrique Peña Nieto's vow to fight against the violence that has plagued the country.

About 100,000 citizens have been killed due to gang related violence since 2007, according to *The Guardian*.

During the protests, a survivor told reporters that officers had taken 30 to 40 students and stuffed them in patrol cars.

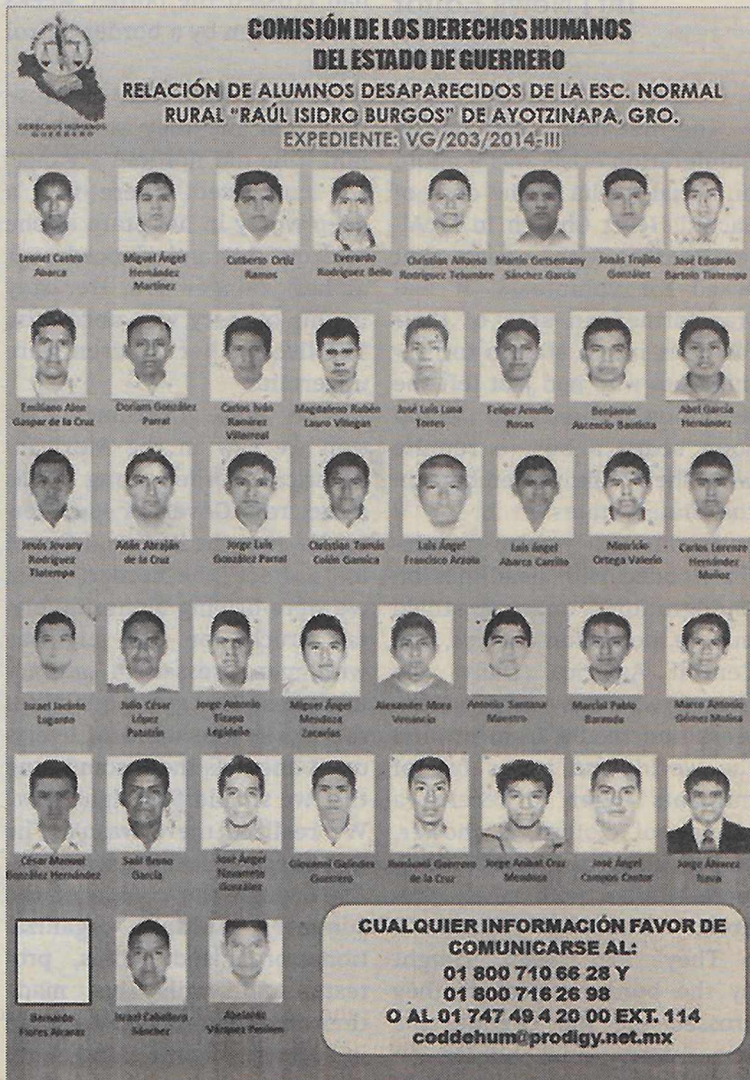
Blanco said investigators have confirmed suspicions of the criminal organization, the Guerreros Unidos, is linked to this crime and some local police officers belong to the gang.

The mayor of Iguala, Jose Luis Albarca, and his security chief, are both now considered to be fugitives after fleeing when authorities received a warrant for their arrest as they may be linked to the crime.

According to *BBC News*, the police's links to the organized crime has raised fear in locals and relatives for the fate of the students in a country where drug cartels regularly hide bodies in mass graves.

Vidulfo Rosales, who is a

The Comission of Human Rights of the State of Guerrero released a flyer (right) with photos of the 43 missing students after they went missing during a protest.



human rights lawyer representing the relatives of the missing, said to *BBC* reporters, "We are very worried. The families are anxious."

Rosales told *The Associated Press* that relatives of 37 of the missing people have provided DNA samples in order to help determine if any of the remains found are of one of the students.

According to *The Guard-*

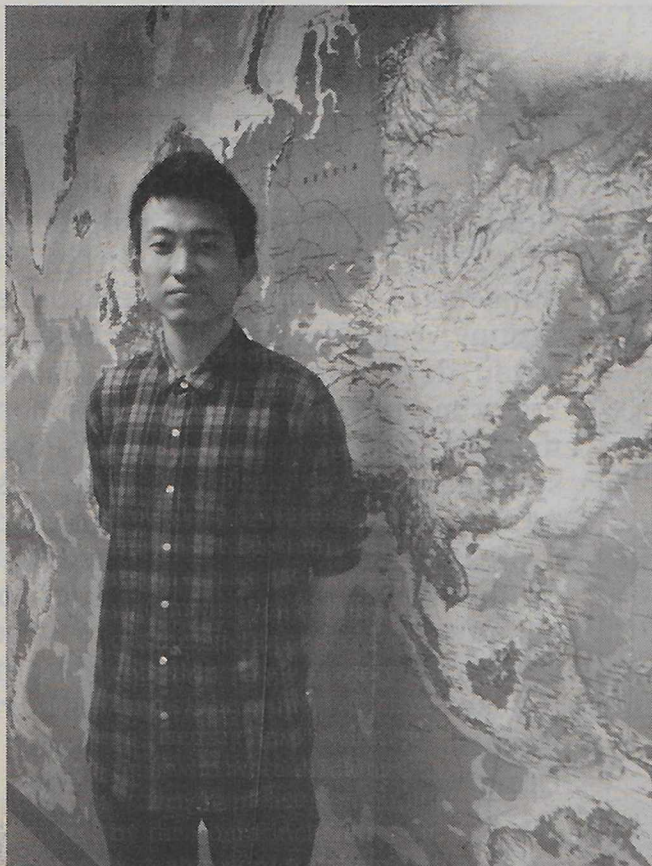
ian, a group of protesters have blocked off a main highway in the state capital on Sunday, demanding that justice be served in this case. A huge banner that went across the road read, "You took them alive; we want them returned alive," according to *The Guardian*.

When information about the discovery of the grave leaked into the school, a group of young people protested

outside of the governor's residence. They threw Molotov cocktails and overturned a car after the authorities told them they were not allowed to go to the graves and see if they could identify any of their classmates in the remains.

It could take up to two months to identify the bodies, according to *The Associated Press*.

International student feature: From Beijing to Boston



Courtesy of International Student Services Office

Jiaming Liu | accounting and finance '16

Each month the International Student Services Office selects one international student who has distinguished him or herself in the Suffolk community. This month, they selected Jiaming Liu (left), a junior finance and accounting major from Beijing, China. He is currently the co-president of the Suffolk International Student Association and vice president of the Project Management Club. He has served as the secretary and treasurer of the Math Society and the Public Relations Representative of the Chinese Student Association. Outside of Suffolk, Liu volunteers at MIT as a part of the MIT China Innovation and Entrepreneurship Forum.

Q: What is the best part of Suffolk?

A: "Suffolk owns the best location in the heart of Boston. On the other hand, Suffolk has amazing small-size classes with high quality academic pro-folio. Also, Suffolk is a multinational school with diverse cultures. It is easy to get to know different cultures in the Suffolk community."

Q: What is your favorite thing about your hometown?

A: "My favorite thing about my hometown, Beijing, would be Chinese food. As everyone knows, Chinese food is quite delicious and diverse. I love Chinese food!"

Opinion: Searching for humanity in immigration crisis

Daniella Marrero
Int'l News Editor

The first item I saw on the immigration crisis was a photo on social media of the door of Sacred Heart Church in McAllen, Texas, with a sign that asked for volunteers. It had transformed an area of their facilities into a station for immigrants who had just left the detention center and would soon board a bus to reunite with their family members in the United States.

In the next weeks, the media flooded with headlines on immigration, unaccompanied minors, detention centers, and Central America. Daily, the church was busy with volunteers and media from around the world, and buses full of migrants eager to receive a change of clothes, a shower, and a full meal. Most of them were women with small children.

They had been caught by the border patrol as they crossed the Rio Grande, the last international border on their journey north. They had traveled across Mexico, and those from El Salvador and Honduras, across Guatemala.

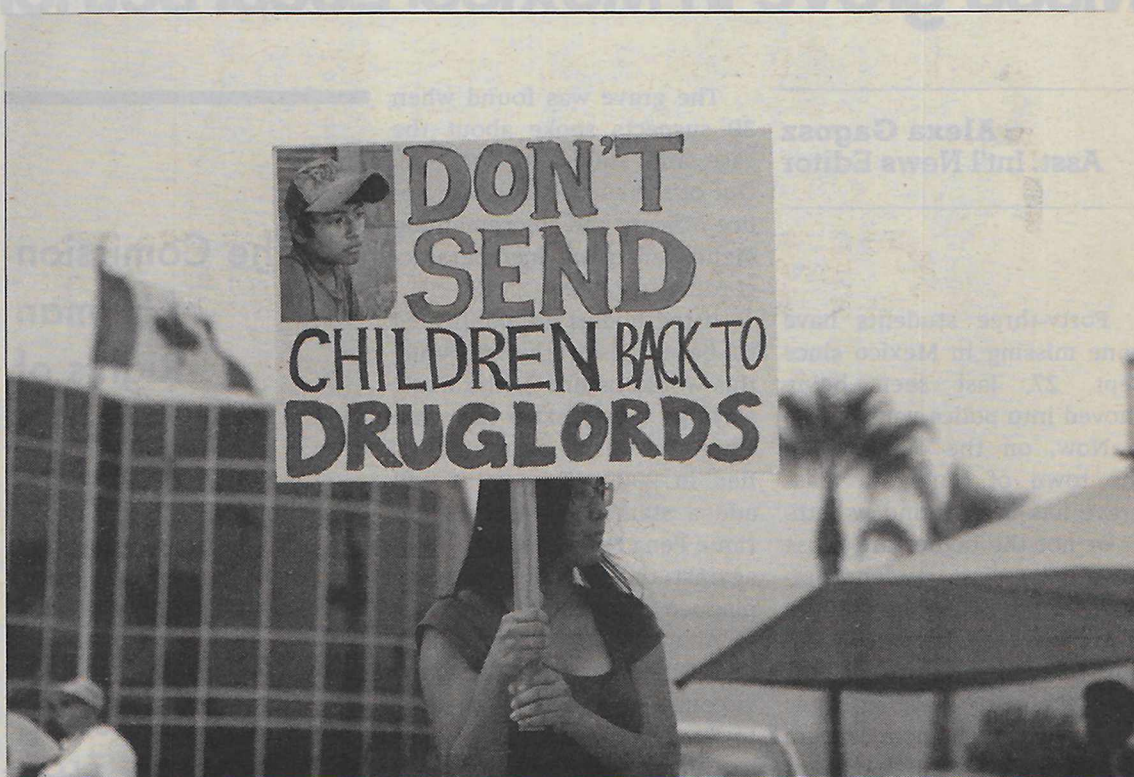
"We spent seven days in the detention center," a woman said to me at the church in Texas. We were sitting at a table near the kitchen with her 6-year-old son waiting for soup to be served. They had traveled from El Salvador and were making their way

to Houston, where her older son was waiting for them. He had crossed the border weeks back unseen by a border patrol agent.

"I sent him over because they told me they would kill him if he did not join a gang," she continued. There was a deep worry in her stare as she told me this and glanced over at her younger son. Her stay in this country was uncertain. The lives of her children were uncertain.

The first government action we saw in the Mexican-American border along Texas came from Governor Rick Perry. He sent the National Guard to "protect" the border. Soon, we were driving alongside big, tan trucks on the highway with men dressed in military uniforms. The same questions ran across the mind of everyone I knew: Is there something that we should fear right now? We realized there wasn't. The Guard was just misplaced.

Through the course of the summer, multiple organizations organized rallies, protests, and vigils that made their mark nationwide to stand in support of protecting those who crossed our border fleeing violence from their home countries. We stood outside of detention centers, outside of local officials' offices. There was only one counter protest one summer day, and only four members of the community showed up to stand against the "illegal invasion." During one of the most successful rally, 500 people from across Texas participated.



Daniella Marrero/International News Editor

**A demonstration this summer across the U.S.
Homeland Security and Border Patrol detention
center in McAllen, Texas.**

Texas is not alone. There have been marches and demonstrations across the country to stand in support of an immigration reform and to offer protection to those who are leaving their home countries due to violence.

But what have we seen from our federal government? Nothing besides the endless disagreements, politics, and

passivity. We have seen flawed media representation and have seen this issue fall out of the media's attention span. People are still making their journey north, people are still being held at detention centers, and people are risking their lives to make the perilous journey northward to enter the U.S.

Do not let the shortage of articles on this crisis fool you

to believe this has ended. As the months pass, as the country "cools down" on this topic, the chances that our government will take a stance to correct and amend the policies and roles that it has played to create this crisis are getting slimmer.

Broken promises, and politics. Is this how our country responds to humanity?

WORLD BRIEFS

Syria | Attacks

In Syria, the U.S.-coordinated coalition carried out an airstrike Monday and Tuesday on the members of the Islamic State fighters on the Turkey-Syria border town of Kobane. The Syrian Kurdish fighters said the bombings were very effective, but would have been better if they came sooner. Turkey's President had warned the town they were "about to fall," and faced widening protests over his refusal to bring in military support, according to *Reuters* and other news outlets. Three demonstrators have been killed during the protests, but 400 died in three weeks of fighting for Kobane while some have fled to Turkey.

Spain | Ebola

Investigations have begun in a Madrid hospital where a nurse was the first European to be diagnosed with Ebola. The European Commission has asked Spain how the nurse was infected with the virus, according to *BBC News* and other outlets. The 40-year-old nurse has yet to be named, but is one of the 30 staff members at Carlos III Hospital who have been treating priests Manuel Garcia Viejo and Miguel Pajares. Garcia Viejo, 69, died two weeks ago after being diagnosed with the virus in Sierra Leone, *BBC* said. Pajares died in August after contracting the virus in Liberia.

China | Protest

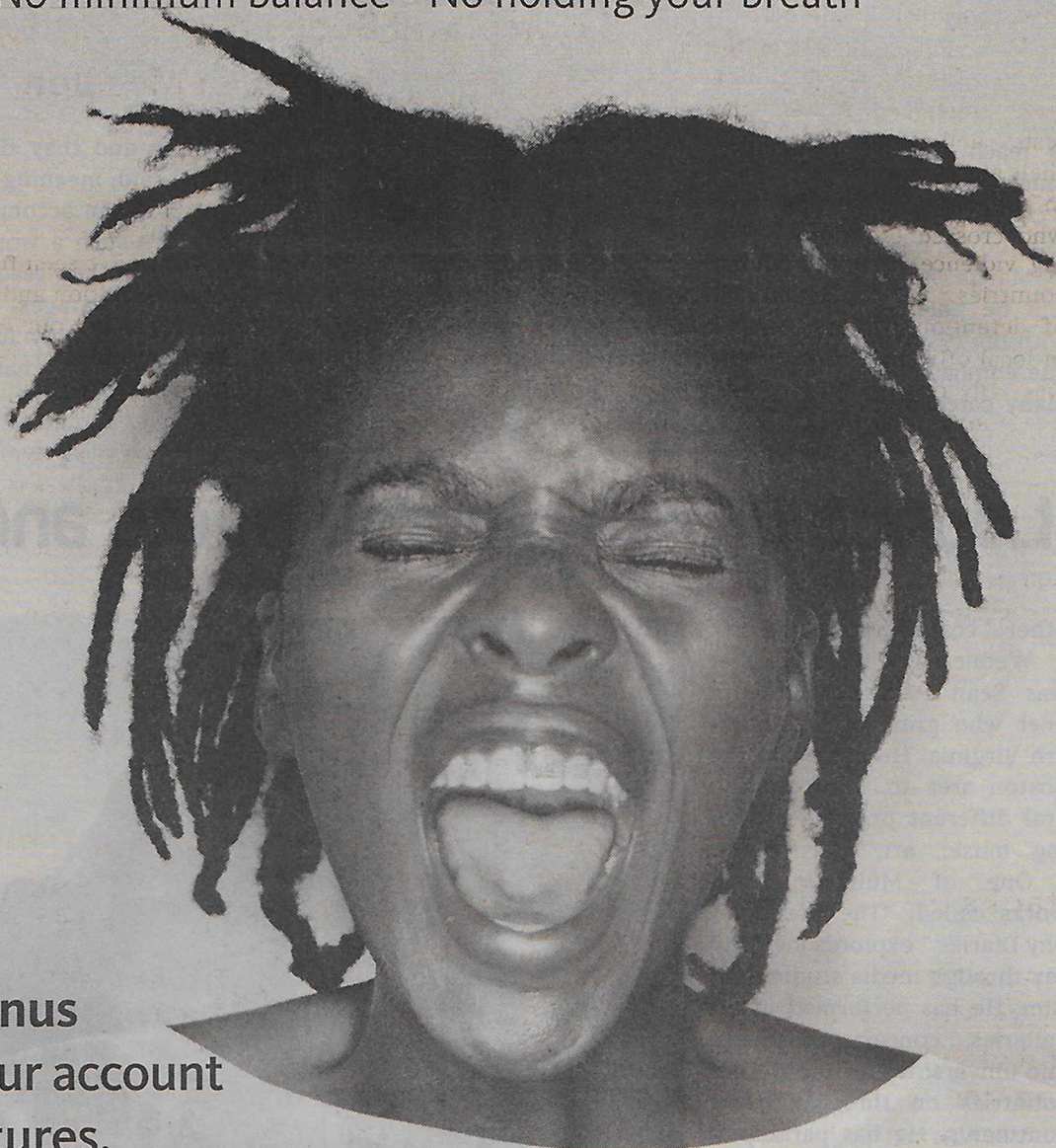
Just yards away from where pro-democracy protesters have occupied Hong Kong stands the People's Liberation Army, China's armed forces. Six-hundred of the heavily armed soldiers occupy outside their headquarters seven days a week, 24 hours a day. For some of the protestors, the harsh memories of brutality on some of the student protests in 1989 is still fresh. As it enters the first full week of the protests, they wonder if there will be an involvement from the PLA to put a halt to the demonstrators. Their responsibility remains as protecting the "sovereignty, unity, and territorial integrity of the State and security of Hong Kong," according to *CNN*.

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Lydia Martin recognized as one of the top art professors in Boston

Brigitte Carreiro
Journal Contributor

Lydia Martin, a fine arts professor at the New England School of Art and Design at Suffolk University, is trail-blazing through the art world

Recently spotlighted by the Art Career Project as one of Boston's top 15 art professors, Martin has done research in Paris, will work alongside her all-time favorite artist in Norway and is to be the star of a solo show in Lowell next summer.

NESAD is certainly lucky to have Martin. Though she knew she enjoyed teaching from an early age, she explained that teaching art at an institution had never crossed her mind before moving to Boston from Pennsylvania.

"I became a teacher in a chaotic, crazy way," she said. She described how her husband, an English professor, had received tenure at Boston University, and, at the recommendation of a friend who had attended NESAD, she spontaneously applied to art schools around the city.

"It wasn't planned, and now I absolutely love it," she said.

Martin has been teaching at NESAD for 25 years, primarily foundation drawing and printmaking courses.



Brigitte Carreiro/Journal Contributor



Courtesy of Suffolk University

"I teach my students pretty much the whole gamut of techniques in drawing, painting and perspective"
- Lydia Martin

"I teach my students pretty much the whole gamut of techniques in drawing, painting and perspective," she said.

Martin hopes that NESAD will be able to merge more with the rest of the university. She emphasized that there are many career options that one

can take with art. "It's not limited to painting a picture and putting it in a museum, it's a lot more than that," she said.

Ultimately, teaching has become a rewarding experience that supplements her career as an artist. "The one joy I get is when I have a student that

I'm teaching and they finally see it," she said, meaning they see what they can accomplish with art. "It's such a wonderful high I get as their teacher."

Martin encourages her students to ultimately follow their hearts and do whatever they want to do with their

lives. "If you really want to do something, do it, and have no regrets later in your life," she said. She describes herself as living and breathing, drawing and painting, a passion that reveals itself through her work.

Martin's biggest passion at the moment is a series called "Loteria". Martin has been creating paintings that are inspired by playing cards based on the Mexican card game, designed by a former student of hers. "That's my main love right now," said Martin. She has 15 paintings done so far and aspires to complete paintings to complement all 52 cards in the deck.

Martin described that she enjoys focusing on the contemporary realism realm of art and that her biggest influence is her favorite painter, Odd Nerdrum, who she will be spending time working with in Norway next year. She described her excitement after receiving the invitation. "I was jumping up and down in my studio, happy as a little girl. He's my hero," she said.

Overall, Martin is a proud artist who loves teaching, and she thanks her students for helping her to become who she is today. "I actually thank my students, thank them for taking my classes," she said. "If it wasn't for you I would not be here."

The Cantab Lounge draws diverse poets and audiences

Alexa Gagosz
Asst. International Editor

In the basement of what looks like a quiet bar that only attracts some action on Friday and Saturday nights, Cantab Lounge in Cambridge hosts the Boston Slam Poetry Readings every Wednesday night. With a small bar in the back of the basement and a stage in the front with simple lighting, it doesn't look like much. But the crowd, including some of the regulars who read on the open-mic every night, make it worth the elbowing and tight space.

With only a \$3 entry fee, this 18 and older hideaway is perfect for those who write or enjoy the rhythm of abstract and contemporary poetry. Their mission is to open themselves to a diverse audience and performers in order to nurture a positive environment for new open-mic performers, as well as presenting a feature poet. They continue to evolve the genre with diverse, liberating topics from the performers such as homosexuality, drugs, sex, and

other contemporary issues.

Wednesday's featured poet was Sean Patrick Mulroy, a poet who grew up in Southern Virginia. He moved to the Boston area to work on several different projects including music, art, and poetry.

One of Mulroy's latest works called, "The Pornography Diaries," explores love and sex through media studies and film. He has performed in art galleries, concerts, festivals, and universities in 10 different countries on three different continents. He has participated in 16 national competitions and is the 2014 Individual World Poetry Slam representative for the Boston Poetry Slam. He has written and recorded four albums of music and has sold over a thousand copies of his poetry. He has also been featured in a long list of publications including, "Best Indie Literature of New England," "Flicker and Spark: A Contemporary Queer Anthology," "Network Awesome," and "The Good Men Project."

Mulroy is a regular co-host at the Cantab Lounge on Wednesdays and co-curates the LGBTQ reading series,



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The Cantab lounge offers a comfortable atmosphere for performers and audiences.

Moonlighting, an open-mic and reading series dedicated to the queer poetry community, held once a month at Fazenda Coffee Roasters in Jamaica Plain.

Fellow co-host Simone Beaubien, who has operated as the "SlamMaster" for the

past 10 years at the Cantab describes Mulroy as a "loyal but difficult friend nonetheless, he knows how to play with language like no other."

On Thursday the "Moonlighting" event for the month of October was held, where

Mulroy and Emily Carroll are co-hosts with help from Michael Monroe. Carroll, a performer and bartender at the Cantab on Wednesday nights, and Monroe, who, like Mulroy, has been a national finalist in Slam Poetry.

The team introduced the open-mic readings to any poet with a diverse and wide-range of styles and topics. To finish off the night, poet Janae Johnson, who would describe herself as, "a Stevie Wonder-loving, Jamba Juice-sipping, slam poet, educator, and activist in the Boston area," performed.

Johnson is well-known for being the founder, advisor, and coach for the Simmons College poetry slam team. Her poetry is inspired by uncomfortable situations, shedding light on issues of racial inequality, homophobia, and love. She truly believes that "language is power" and encourages others to use it to speak out with their own voices. She was ranked fifth at the "Women of the World" Poetry Slam this year, and was the 2014 Slam Champion of the Boston Slam Poetry Team, and the 2013 Lizard Lounge Poetry Slam champion.

PAO plans 40th Fall Fest celebration

Maria Baluch
Journal Staff

15 students-11 freshmen, two sophomores and two juniors-were selected to work together with a professional choreographer and music director.

"The six numbers we chose to highlight for the year cover style of dances we have done over the previous years," says Kathy Maloney, Associate Director of the Performing Arts Office.

As for the independent acts, auditions will be held Thursday, Oct. 9 at 6 p.m. in Donahue 403. If selected, students will rehearse on their own and join the rest of the cast for tech and final rehearsals so, "what you see from them is their own artistic creativity," said Maloney.

In addition to Maloney, Kristen Baker, director of the performing arts office and Vicki Karns, communication and journalism professor, who was a past director and alumni of Fall Fest, also selects the final acts. Maloney says they give students the opportunity to present what they do and also look for a variety of acts among the auditions to make sure the same thing isn't being performed continuously.

"A lot of the selection has to do with the diversity and how the act fits along with the numbers of the Company and the show itself," said Maloney.

Because it's the 40 year anniversary, the PAO has reached



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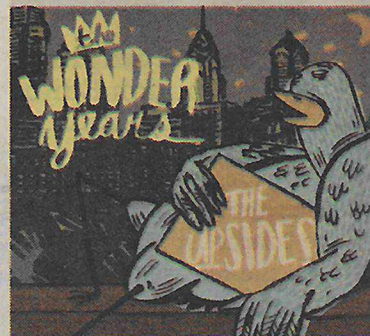
out to many alumni, like professor Karns, who acted in previous years to be a part of the show. One of the numbers in the show will comprise of alumni singing on stage and joining the current cast. Freshman Nikki Harper and senior Erica LeBlanc, as well as Student Government Association President Tyler LeBlanc will be hosting the show this year.

"It's a great celebration of the arts on campus and a great opportunity to see and hear what your fellow students can do because you may not realize that the kid who

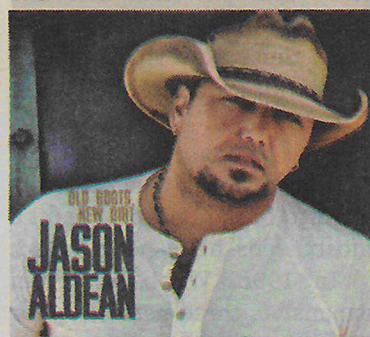
lives down the hall from you can do four backflips in a row or that there's a student who can play an ancient Chinese instrument," said Maloney.

The first Fall Fest performance will be held on Friday, Oct. 24, at the C. Walsh Theatre at 8 p.m. On Saturday, Oct. 25, the PAO will have a brunch for family and friends of the current and past Fall Fest performers at 11:30 a.m. in the Donahue lounge to celebrate 40 years of the performance. Tickets are free for the entire event and available at the HUB and at the door.

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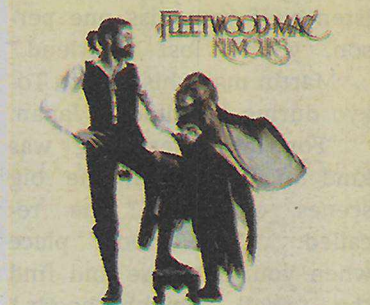
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"The Upsides"
A perfect fall album to listen to as you watch the leaves change.
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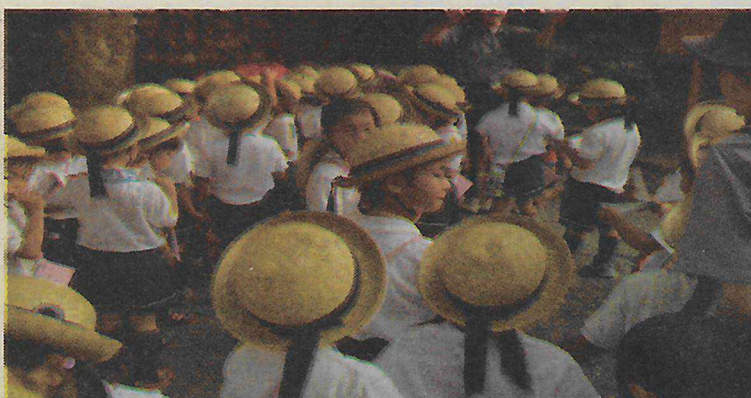
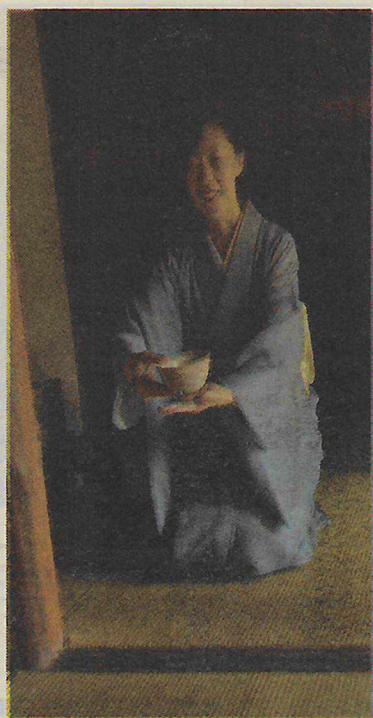
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I wanna be with you everywhere.
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-Thalia Y.

Photojournalist Ken Martin shares experiences in Japan

Heather Rutherford
Asst. News Editor



Photos By Ken Martin

"I'm always searching for the truth behind appearances with my photography."

-Ken Martin

"Shooting with a Nikon makes things easy for me, and as cameras change every two weeks, I still know how to use the basic functions," Martin said with a laugh.

"I'm always searching for the truth behind appearances with my photography," Martin said on his own enlightenment and personal discipline. While traveling throughout Japan, this is some-

thing he always strived for.

To avoid looking like a tourist, Martin would begin by always asking permission before taking a photo, he said. In places like Senegal, however, where Martin has done a lot of photography, it's very difficult.

As a photojournalist, one must understand the method of going from highly developed countries, to ones that are third world, according to Martin.

"The attitude is, 'they've got all this expensive equipment, they're taking my picture, they're going to make money with it.'"

It is crucial as a photographer to make a human contact first, then point and shoot.

"If you walked into a room [full of people], you

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The lights dim in the Sawyer Library's Poetry Center, the shades are drawn, and a serene photo of a Japanese bride is illuminated onto the projection screen.

Photojournalist and professor at Suffolk University, Ken Martin, traveled to Japan this summer to attend the wedding of his friend Tsuyoshi Toya, and his wife, Kazumi Suzuki. The wedding was in Chiba City, Chiba Prefecture, Japan.

Martin was able to strategically capture the sequence of events of a traditional Japanese wedding and learn from a photographer's perspective of Japanese culture.

"I used a telephoto lens for some of this which helps to knock the background out," Martin said during his presentation last Thursday, explaining his method of taking the bride's portrait.

Martin uses a Nikon D800 camera with 36.6 megapixels, often with a 200 mm, 2.8 telephoto lens.

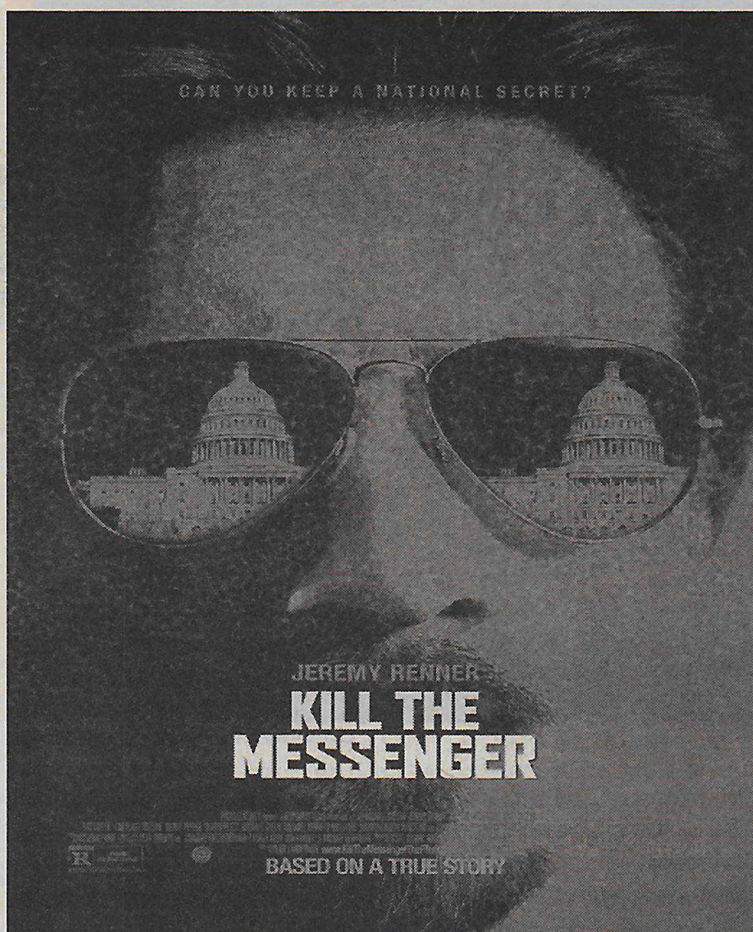
Kill the Messenger: A fitting ode to a brave journalist

Sam Humphrey
Opinion Editor

Nearly a decade after his suicide, the story of investigative journalist Gary Webb's life and the release of his most important work, *The Dark Alliance* series, has been brought to the big screen in a masterful, yet careful, depiction by director Michael Cuesta.

The film convincingly shows an ugly side of journalism, one where a reporter releases a shocking, but true, story that powerful interests did not want to be heard. And when those powerful interests distort his work and label him a liar, none of his sources, his editors, or those who know that his story is true step forward to back him up. When he most needs help, he is failed.

In 1996, Webb wrote an expansive, three part story for *The San Jose Mercury News* documenting that profits from crack cocaine sales in Los Angeles had funded the Contras, a CIA-backed revolutionary group fighting the leftist government in Nicaragua. While Webb never claimed that the CIA directly supported the drug dealers, he documented that the agency was aware of the scheme, using many reli-



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able sources. The U.S. government and major newspapers immediately criticized his research, dissecting and criticizing it as at best unreliable and at worst fabricated.

The movie covers his research into the case, the re-

lease of his series, and the backlash that ensued. Jeremy Renner, as Webb, brings the man to life, giving a very realistic portrayal of him through his euphoric pride in his work to his despair when he realizes almost everyone in the govern-

ment, and his cherished news industry, has turned on him.

The story starts with Webb's quiet life and stable job and follows him to the ghettos of South Central Los Angeles, Nicaragua, and Washington D.C. in his attempt to dig deeper into the complex mystery. The film relies on the actors' ability to tell the story, and aside from some creative camera angles, uses almost no special effects, giving it a very humane feel and making the audience empathize greatly with Webb.

Renner's performance is as stellar as his role in *"The Hurt Locker,"* (2008) where he played a U.S. Army bomb disposal technician in Iraq. Interestingly, both roles are men who are addicted to their job. In *"The Hurt Locker,"* Renner's character returns to the battlefield because it is where he feels most at home. In *"Kill the Messenger,"* he is a journalist whose commitment to the story turns into an obsession, and later, an oppression, as others misconstrue his work and tarnish his name, discrediting him as a journalist. He finds himself an outcast from the community he has held so dearly his whole life: journalists and newspapers.

Other smaller, but notable, performances include Michael Sheen, who plays a D.C. insid-

er who tries to warn Webb of the massive trap he is walking into if he releases the story. Ray Liotta, as a former special operator, has a brief, but intense, scene with Webb as he explains his work for the CIA and details about the agency's influence abroad. Lucas Hedges plays Webb's 16-year-old son, Ian, who is close with his father and admires his work.

Most importantly, *"Kill the Messenger"* does a good job of examining his life. As Cuesta said, in a question and answer following the screening, he could only cover so much of Webb's vastly complicated story and the aftermath of *The Dark Alliance* series.

Even today, Gary Webb goes unappreciated by so many who are unfamiliar with *The Dark Alliance* and the horrifying story of his work. Everyone should see this film, not only because it is an extremely well done, but more importantly, to honor Webb and the sacrifice he made to inform the public.

It is especially essential for aspiring reporters and investigative journalists, who cannot possibly comprehend the potential dangers of their profession without understanding Webb and his powerful commitment to his duty: to shine a light on the facts and inform the public.

Photos of Japan chronicle journey of Suffolk Professor

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wouldn't just get started," he said. "You'd walk in, shake hands with everyone in that room, and look them in the eye to acknowledge their existence. If you miss one person, you've lost a friend."

Martin made his way to Tokyo during his time in Japan.

"For me, everything was kind of greyish in the big scenes of Tokyo," he recalled. "Color took place when you get close and find the small neighborhoods."

Experimenting with taking panoramic photos is one of Martin's fascinating talents. Martin explains his process, "By making four or five different photographs, mostly vertical, starting from left to right. I overlap them by 20 to 30 percent," and merges them within Adobe Photoshop. When completed, a panoramic image might be roughly five feet long. "It's a way of creating a wide-eyed angle that you might not get otherwise."

Traveling through Hakone, Martin had always wanted to see a tea house and ceremony. They are usually off the beaten path through dark forests, Martin said. "The light is wonderful, and of

course I always ask permission before photographing."

Martin also traveled to Mount Fuji, hoping to capture something special.

"It was all in a haze, and we were told that we were not going to see the mountain," he said. But as luck would have it, "As soon as we got out of the car, the clouds parted, and we got a view, then the clouds closed again."

Martin was also able to visit the most famous building in Japan, the Golden Pavilion in Kyoto. He explained Japanese garden design, and how, "Fitting architecture into nature was what it was all about, and that's why we're always attracted to these kind of things."

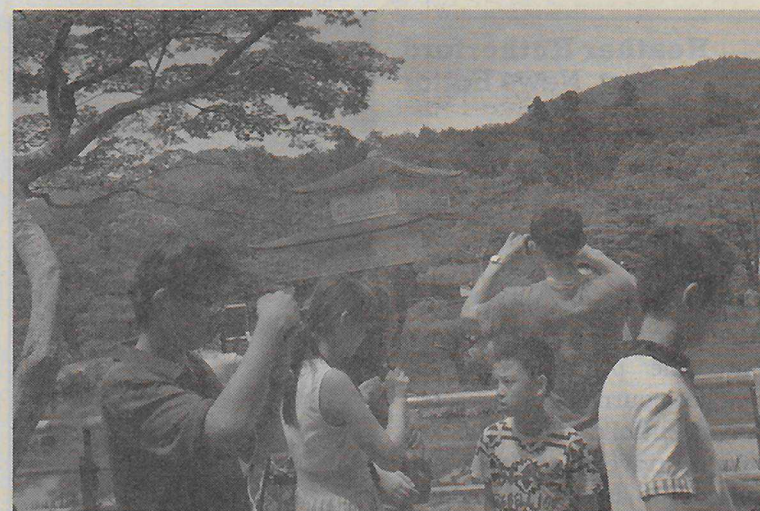
The appearance behind things are more than what they seem, Martin explained. "This beautiful serene scene was overwhelmed with tourists from all over the world. Of course, everyone wants to get in just the right spot to get the typical photo."

Martin refers to one of his greatest inspirations, that photography is made by a decisive moment.

"Each and every photographic situation has a deci-

sive moment where there is peak energy for the best shot. In that shot, all your life experiences come to you in that fraction of a second, and everything you learned comes to you then," he said. Whether it's about photography, life, history, or people, that moment is what Martin lives for.

Martin's work can be viewed on his website at zenfolio.com/kennethmartinphotography.



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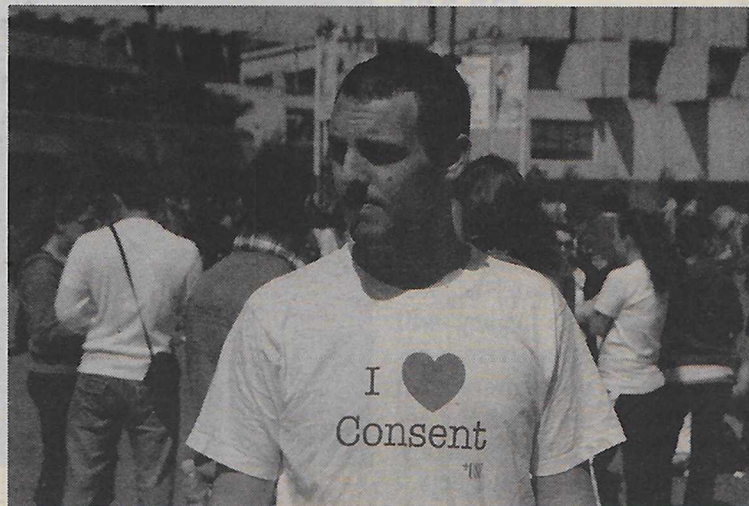
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Time to crack down on sexual assault

Madeline Scovotti
Journal Contributor



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"In summary, there needs to be consent at every step of the way by both partners. Silence does not mean yes ... An assumed yes from the other's body language does not mean yes ... Only yes means yes."

Over the last two weeks, cases of sexual assault have occurred at five colleges across Massachusetts. As a female student who unintentionally, but frequently, walks the streets of Boston alone, it's unnerving to read what can happen even on the smallest and most private campuses.

At Framingham State University, four students were suspended in connection with two alleged sexual assaults on one female student in both an off-campus residence and an on-campus residence. FSU spokesman Daniel Maguza told *The Boston Globe* that he did not recall an instance at the university where so many students were accused in a sexual assault. The assaults took place late Saturday, Sept. 27 and early Sunday, Sept. 28, the *Globe* reported.

At Stonehill College, a victim told campus police that she was assaulted on a campus pathway as she was walking home at 2 a.m. on Sept. 28. She wasn't walking down a dark alleyway when she was assaulted, she was attacked in a public place that she frequently passes through. Sexual assault can happen anywhere and at anytime, no matter how comfortable the victim may be with the area.

But cases such as these go far beyond our local community, and colleges across the country are facing increased pressure to crack down on sexual assault on their campuses. Only last week did President Barack Obama launch the "It's On Us" campaign to not only raise awareness about sexual assault on college campuses, but to put an end to it for good.

It is estimated that one in five women experience sexual assault during their time in college. Of that 20 percent, less than half will report their assaults, and even then only a fraction of the offenders are punished, according to the "It's On Us" Campaign website.

Sexual assault can no longer be something that we sweep under the rug or talk about only behind closed doors. Sexual assaults happen on campuses almost every day and it is crucial that we not only support the victims but also commit to taking steps to prevent it in the future.

This past week, California Governor Jerry Brown signed a bill requiring all colleges that receive state money for student financial aid to enforce

a standard for "affirmative consent," or "yes means yes." The bill essentially lays out an updated sexual conduct handbook, which outlines steps students can take to ensure all parties are engaging in consensual sexual contact.

There needs to be clear consent every step of the way by both partners. Silence does not mean yes. An unclear answer does not mean yes. An assumed yes from the other's body language does not mean yes. A drunken slur does not mean yes. Only yes means yes. A partner has every right to revoke consent after initially giving it. Being intoxicated is not an excuse for sexual assault.

Considering the recent cases across Massachusetts, it might be time for the state to adopt a bill like California's. Clear consent is important because it ensures that all parties involved are in agreement at every step of the sexual encounter. No matter how awkward it may seem to keep asking if what's happening is okay, it will ensure neither party feels uncomfortable which will lead to a better sexual experience overall. It will also ensure that things don't get out of

hand and that assault, in any form, does not occur.

In all of the recent sexual assault cases across Massachusetts, the victim was alone when she was attacked. Maybe of these assaults could have been prevented by using the buddy system. There are steps that we can take to prevent sexual assault on our campus, we just need to be more aware of them.

So in light of the recent incidents at college campuses in our state community, let's all make an effort to prevent sexual assault right here in our Suffolk community. Don't be afraid to speak up if you feel or see that something is wrong. Travel with a buddy, especially at night.

Never go out without a plan as to how you are going to be able to safely get home. Be a good partner and respect the wishes of the person other involved. Finally, be a good friend and support the victims of sexual assault. If we all do our part, we can put an end to sexual assault and make our college community a safe place for every student.



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On Eric Holder's leave and complicated legacy

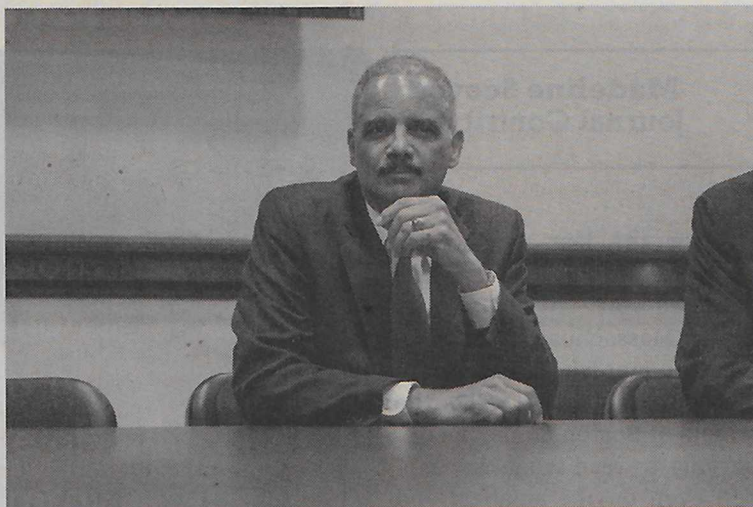
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After six years as Attorney General of the United States, Eric Holder has called it quits, and will leave office once a successor is chosen, according to *CNN*. His legacy will be marked as an activist, a reformer who encountered all spectrums of his job from political confrontations on criminal, legal and policy subjects.

Holder has been praised and criticized time and time again, considered a progressive champion on some issues while disregarding others, such as fourth amendment protection.

He leaves behind one of the most progressive LGBTQ rights reforms by any Attorney General to date. His actions led to the June 2013 Supreme Court ruling that struck down parts of the Defense of Marriage Act requiring the federal government to deny recognition of legal same-sex marriages. His actions off the ruling against DOMA have led to a state-by-state campaign of same sex marriage bans being lifted.

His main reasoning against DOMA is the equal protection clause, found in the 14th amendment of the constitution according to *CBS News*. It



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Despite his success fighting DOMA, Eric Holder was unsuccessful in shutting down the Guantanamo Bay military prison and parts of the Patriot Act.

protects everyone with equal rights and protection under the law regardless of race, gender, or sexual orientation. His accomplishments on the federal level have also led to organizations such as the Freedom to Marry Campaign challenging marriage rulings in states that ban same sex marriage. In Indiana, Oklahoma, Utah, Virginia and Wisconsin the courts have ruled in favor of Freedom to Marry, according to *CNN*.

Holder has also been on the forefront in the fight against restrictive state voting laws in states such as Texas and North Carolina, where more identification is required to vote,

and have earlier and shorter voter registration timelines which discourage citizens, especially minorities, from voting. The Justice Department under Holder sued Texas over its new voter ID laws, and is also involved in a federal hearing against North Carolina's restrictive voter registration timeline, according to *CNN*. This proves that the government will protect minorities, which is the principal of our constitution.

With harder drugs hitting the streets in America, Holder also acknowledged that marijuana is the least of the department of Justice, as well

as the DEA's, problems. As we saw with Washington and Colorado who have legalized recreational use of marijuana, crime rates have dropped. The economy has received a great boost in the private and public sectors, according to *entrepreneur.com*, and not having to deal with as many inmates in an already crowded prison system. Although not as progressive as Colorado and Washington, Holder set a precedent when he called for less harsh sentences for marijuana and non-violent related offenses. This led to more states considering the possibility of legalization or decriminalization of marijuana. Holder's marijuana stance will stand as the first step in the decline of the war on weed.

Although Holder has done a lot to improve our legal system in the civil rights and social justice area's he still leaves behind a cloud of mist.

Holder was unsuccessful in shutting down Guantanamo Bay prison, which has had many violations of human rights. He also has been inconsistent with his handling of the the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and Explosives along with the Department of Justice, as seen with the Fast and Furious scandal.

In 2005 the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives launched Operation

Fast and Furious out of Arizona to tag and track weapon purchases by drug cartels. Over time the agency lost approximately 1,000 weapons due to straw purchasing and the weapons got across the border, and two of those lost weapons turned up at the scene of the 2010 killing of U.S. Border Patrol agent Brian Terry, which put Holder accountable for a lack of organization and control over his own agency.

His major flaws do not end with Fast and Furious, but also include his lack of protection for the fourth amendment. The Obama administration promised to take down many parts of the Patriot Act, which allowed for government wiretapping. Yet the administration was proven hypocritical when American hero Edward Snowden, an NSA contractor, released data that made the public aware of the colossal scale of the U.S. government's wiretapping practices.

Holder's legacy is one of accomplishments and demoralizing attempts. Overall, he accomplished much more than Attorneys General before him. His social justice and civil rights precedents will lead the way for a more progressive, inclusive and prosperous America, but constitutional protections for the individual will be left for battle by the next Democratic administration in 2016.

Is billing rape victims for hospital charges ethical?

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Who pays to treat sexual assault victims when they go to the hospital? That may not usually cross people's minds, maybe because we don't like to think that it could happen to us. But the truth is that most people wouldn't expect a victim to have to pay for some of the expensive treatments.

In Louisiana, some rape victims are being billed for the care they need after such a traumatic experience, including (but not limited to) medicines, and fees for being admitted into the emergency room, according to *time.com*.

Billing victims for these costs is unethical. They shouldn't have to worry about inability to pay, and they shouldn't have to consider opting out of the tests and treatments that they might truly need.

In 1994, Congress passed the Violence Against Women Act, which was made up of

various reforms to improve a victim's protection under federal laws, according to a White House fact sheet on the VAWA. The most important point on the fact sheet is that "... victims, no matter their income levels, are not forced to bear the expense of their own rape exams or for service of a pro-

"Regardless of their financial status, victims should not have to pay for the procedures to prevent pregnancy, HIV, or STDs."

tection order."

VAWA was amended in 2005, yet the only things granted to victims by law were basic SANE exams or rape kits. Because technology and medicine are continually advancing, there is currently a huge gap in the act that leaves the door open for victims to be billed for basic tests, like pregnancy or HIV tests, and medications to prevent pregnancy and various STDs, amongst them HIV.

Regardless of their financial status, victims should not have to pay for the procedures to prevent pregnancy, HIV, or STDs. In the midst of a trauma-

matic event such as rape, the economical burden definitely shouldn't be placed on the victim's shoulder.

According to *time.com*, Louisiana isn't alone: most states don't pay for these types of tests or medications. Merely 10 states cover the costs of being admitted into the emer-

gency room and only five cover the treatment of all the victims' injuries.

As the Louisiana Crime Victims Reparations Board notes on its website, the board can refund the victims. However, there are certain conditions that restrict it, like requiring victims to file charges or declaring victims who were involved in illegal activity at the time of the crime, (which could be used against underage victims who were drinking).

Other measures employed by the board include requiring a clean record for the past five years, so victims on probation

for a victimless crime would also be denied reimbursement for their medical costs, according to the Board's website.

The tricky wordplay in the next measure, however, seems to be the most dangerous: "A victim whose own behavior contributed to the crime (in those cases, benefits may be

reduced or denied)." This measure is very dangerous because it is clearly a victim-blaming stance, one that can be used against the survivors. Being told by the board that you are not eligible to receive compensation for your medical costs because you contributed to the crime is not only objectionable, it could disrupt the emotional process because you're being told that you asked for it, that you somehow deserved it.

According to *The Times-Picayune*, many victims are simply denied their applications, and some claim that this process is not only unfair, but that

the board meets once a month so that the process can become very tedious and long.

The measures employed by the board probably affect the decision that different victims make to not report such a traumatic experience, but the bigger problem is that it could lead to victims' deciding to not seek the important medical attention that they need.

Though it is clear that the Louisiana Crime Victims Reparation Board needs to review their requirements to be eligible for reimbursement for these tests and medicines, it is even clearer that VAWA needs some changes. Maybe the language that was employed in the act mistakenly leaves a loophole in its midst, but a clearer stance is necessary to legally remove all costs for a victim.

Rape victims need tests and medicines to prevent pregnancy, HIV, and other STDs. Medicine has advanced enough to help women in the aftermath of such a traumatic and dangerous experience, but the VAWA has to evolve and catch up to it.

The cost of praying in the NFL

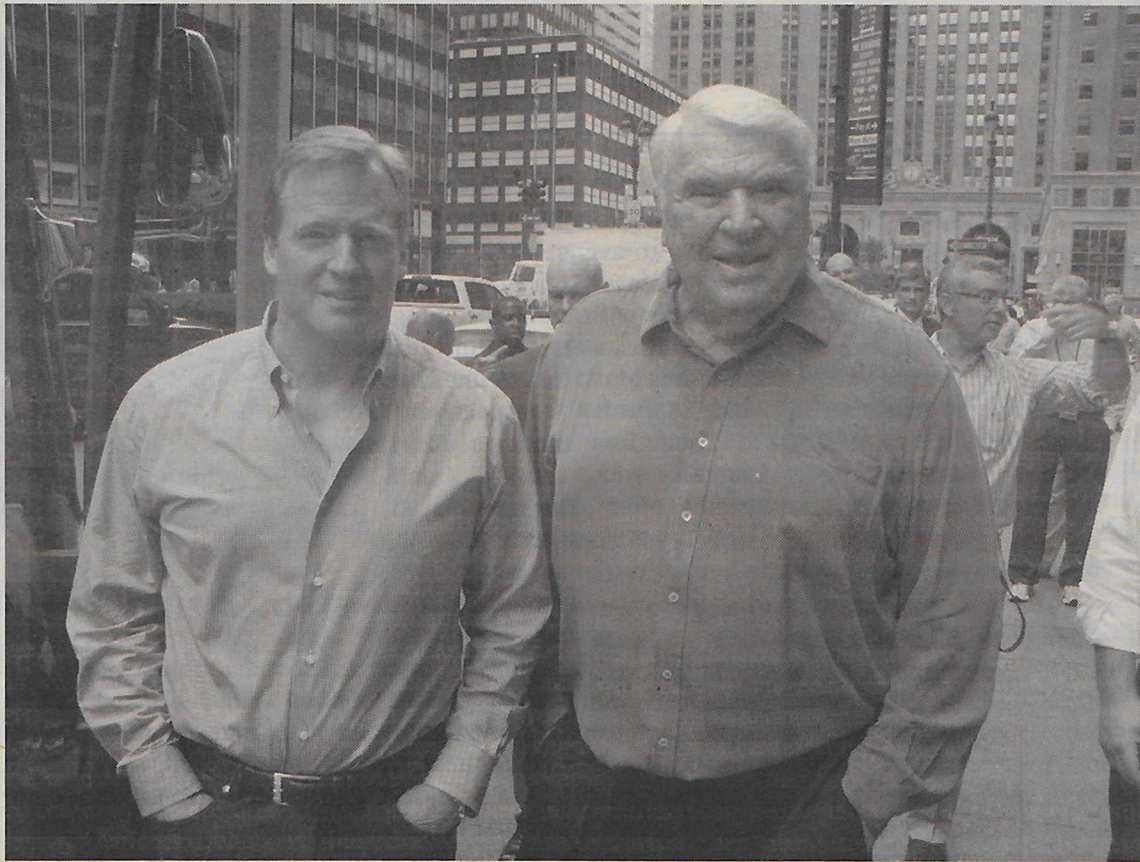
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A recent matchup between the Kansas City Chiefs and the New England Patriots did more than just raise concern about the future of the Patriots' football season. Although the final score on Sept. 30 read 41-14, a tiresome blow-out for Patriots fans, one play created national controversy.

Early in the fourth quarter, Husain Abdullah, safety for Kansas City, returned an interception for a touchdown and celebrated by sliding in the endzone and bowing in prayer. The controversy was sparked when Abdullah was flagged for unsportsmanlike conduct following his endzone celebration. This controversial call was worsened by the NFL when they released two conflicting statements about the clarification of the official call on the field.

The NFL first claimed that the officials got the call wrong; that Abdullah should not have been flagged. Three days later, the NFL claimed that the call was correct, that the penalty was enforced because of the slide, not because of the prayer. The NFL's indecisiveness with this incident and with other recent issues - like Ray Rice, Adrian Peterson, and hit on quarterback Nick Foles - are giving the league's authority figures a bad reputation.

Considering the numerous



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NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell (left) next to football great John Madden. Goodell has come under fire in recent months, especially for his handling of the Ray Rice domestic violence incident.

domestic violence issues in the last month, the last thing the NFL needs is another blemish on its record. Instead of doing the professional thing and making a public statement describing what happened during the play, and why it was actually the right call, the NFL has quickly put itself in a hole that is going to need drastic changes in order to get out of.

Since the Ray Rice debacle, I have been critical of

the league's decision making. Husain Abdullah's incident could have been a very simple clarification that would have avoided any criticism. A public statement as straightforward as, "The penalty given to Husain Abdullah was given for his slide in the endzone, not for praying," would have been suitable and would have made the NFL seem precise and effective in their decision making. Today there are con-

versations of religious discrimination on behalf of the NFL as well as other criticism towards the league for a situation that could have been prevented.

Regarding touchdown celebrations in general, the NFL has gotten stricter and more rule-heavy than need be. The reason fans watch NFL games on television is to be entertained. With this being said, what is the problem with a slide into the endzone? I think

we can all agree that excessive celebrations are unnecessary and take away from the game, but a slide? If a player is not allowed to slide, why is the Lambeau Leap allowed? Is a slide on the field really more excessive than a leap into the first row of the seating? The NFL has been inconsistent with their rulings in the past, and recently the issue has gotten progressively worse.

The inconsistency with recent issues in the NFL has put a lot of pressure on authority figures, including commissioner Roger Goodell. Time and time again, Goodell has proven that he cannot manage the NFL effectively or ethically. There has been a general consensus among the media and the fans of the NFL to fire Goodell, and bring in a more effective and decisive commissioner of the league. As ESPN analyst Adam Scheffer noted, the only thing preventing Goodell from being fired is the support of the team owners, whom the majority agree that Goodell is a good businessman for the league.

As a business major, I clearly understand why having a business-attitude in Goodell's position would help promote and expand the league. However, when unethical decisions are made and heavy criticism is raised about the operations of the NFL, that is where I draw the line. The NFL needs a better balance of businessman and ethical promoter in the commissioner spot, which we will not see as long as Goodell is in charge.

Child stars cannot be to blame for meltdowns

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Former child star Amanda Bynes, 28, was arrested last Saturday, Sept. 28th, for driving under the influence, *Fox News* reported. This is the star's second DUI arrest, but I don't believe she is all to blame for her recent behavior, and that many members of the public also realize that most child stars go through a meltdown at least once during their adulthood.

Last year, we watched the starlet, known for her roles in *The Amanda Show*, *Hairspray*, *She's the Man*, and *Easy A* completely descend into madness. Once a bright young actress, she now reportedly talks to herself and hallucinates, misuses drugs and alcohol, and has had several run-ins with the law, as chronicled in *The Observer*. But, like most people know, this isn't the only



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"... it's safe to say the entertainment industry takes its toll on child stars ..."

former child star to mentally unhinge.

Who can forget about Ma-

caulay Culkin (*Home Alone*), Jodie Sweetin (*Full House*), Judy Garland (*The Wizard of Oz*), or America's darling, Lindsay Lohan (need I say more)? Each of these former child stars and countless others have had run-ins with the law, substance abuse problems, or a very public meltdown. The question is — what makes it so hard for child stars to adjust smoothly to adulthood?

Clearly, this isn't the case for all former child-stars. Natalie Portman began modeling at age 10 and made her feature-film debut at 12 in *The Professional*. She went on to star in huge movies like *Thor* and *The Black Swan*. Shirley Temple, arguably one of the most famous child stars to ever come out of Hollywood, went on to lead a basically average adult life, and Neil Patrick Harris is a well-known and highly successful actor and comedian in his adult career.

There must be factors coming into play in the child's

home life or even professionally that lead some down a more difficult path. Stress is an obvious reason for mental degradation, and most child stars also sacrifice their childhood for their careers. Many also publicly blame their parents for their undoing, such as Lohan and late musician Michael Jackson.

We, as members of the public, will never know what really went on in the households of these doomed stars, and there are two sides to every story. But it's safe to say the entertainment industry takes its toll on child stars, and it is wrong to place blame and judge them harshly when and if they do have a mental breakdown.

To be successful, career managers and talent agents run their clients into the ground. Ballet dancers practice until their feet bleed just to be noticed, bands tour around for meager amounts of money just for a record deal, and models practically starve themselves

to be chosen in shoots. If the world of the rich, famous, and beautiful treats their adult talent in such a way, what makes us think they would be any easier on children? And with parents who willingly thrust a child -- who would probably rather be playing with dolls or Legos -- into a world of chaos, with cameras, reporters, and eyes constantly focused on their every move, is it a surprise that so many can't handle it?

Maybe the secret to the success of some child stars is a stable and loving home life. But, like in the real-world, not everyone can be so lucky. Many child stars have their eyes forced open and see that they aren't on the sitcom anymore. Then they have no choice but to come face-to-face with the cold, unrelenting eyes of the judging public.

Would you blame them for breaking under the pressure? I don't.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Florida quarterback accused of sexual assault

The University of Florida campus said that a sexual assault investigation is underway of freshman quarterback Treon Harris. He was suspended immediately when the investigation was announced after initial accusations. Few details have been released about the accusations, but the breaking news obviously made major headlines because of last year's incident with Heisman winner Jameis Winston from Florida State. The FSU quarterback was under investigation for rape allegations, which were then dropped. The freshmen that the Gators had high hopes for the first year to potential start this season after coming in off the bench for a comeback win against the Tennessee Volunteers is now done with football. Florida showed no tolerance toward the sexual assault accusations and more facts will unfold about the Harris' case in weeks to come.

Celics win first preseason game

The Boston Celtics returned to the basketball court for their first preseason action to defeat the Philadelphia 76ers. With two of the worst teams statistically from last season, plus being nothing more than an exhibition game, the win for the Celtics is hard to judge against a team like the 76ers. One of the newest Celtics to don green, Evan Turner, led the game in scoring with 15 points, along with veteran forward Brandon Bass. Turner also led with rookie Marcus Smart in assists with six, which shows that the Celtics were skilled in dishing the ball around the floor. Six Celtics had 10 or more points against the 76ers, showing off that plenty of players have scoring ability, but they will have to wait until they play against an elite defensive team.

Women's tennis looking more comfortable

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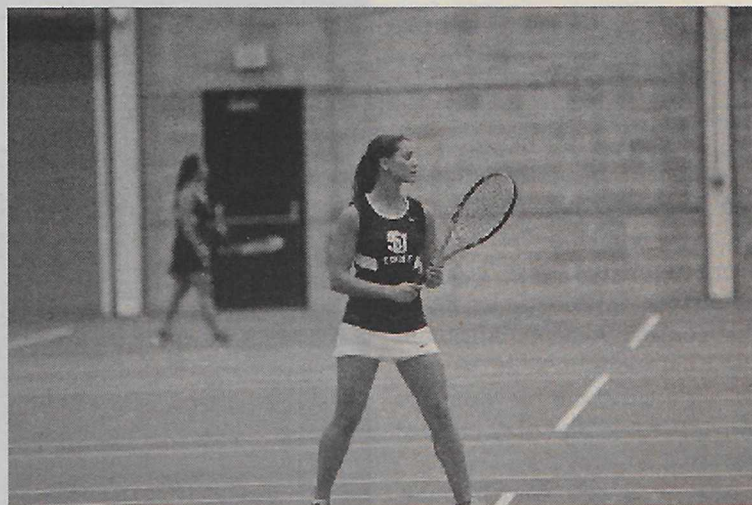
The Suffolk University women's tennis team is looking to avenge their recent loss against Springfield last Thursday with their upcoming games this week, Mount Ida and Anna Maria, on Wednesday and Saturday, respectively.

Their loss broke a four-game win streak and came after having played three matches in a row.

"We were aware it was going to be a tough match but we were pretty pumped because we were on a four match winning streak," said Rebecca Eshoo, a junior broadcast journalism major.

Playing three straight games for the first time proved to be a problem for the Lady Rams as they were unaware of what to expect, not just from their opponents, but also from themselves.

"[Not] having enough stamina because we've never done three matches in a row before, we would usually have a day off in between and having enough energy and physical strength to keep going," said Eshoo, "but the match we played on Wednesday wasn't really tough so that was kind of like our day off but we still played our best, obviously."



Courtesy of Suffolk Athletics

No. 3 singles, Junior, Becca Eshoo

Eshoo had to play a doubles match, which lasted about an hour and a half, she said. The match had to reach a tiebreaker which Eshoo and her partner won. However, Eshoo also played her singles match afterwards but she lost and lost. This is usually common for the athletes as pairing different players in doubles matches is not an easy task.

"For doubles it's kind of hard to switch up the teams just because it's hard for people to play with other people that they've never played with before," said Eshoo, "we typically keep the doubles teams the same just because it's hard to come up with different doubles pairings in a short amount of time."

Eshoo is confident that her team can win the games against Mount Ida and Anna Maria as they have beaten them before. She thinks that some of the players who normally don't get to play will receive the opportunity to do so in these games.

"There's people on our team that don't typically play singles

and so we usually try to give people a chance to play when we know that we're playing an opponent that isn't typically better than us," said Eshoo.

The team will also be playing Johnson & Wales, which Eshoo considers as their biggest rival, on Monday. Johnson & Wales is responsible for eliminating the Lady Rams from the GNAC playoffs in the semi-finals, but Eshoo thinks past games have also served as a way to prepare for a team like Johnson & Wales.

"We don't really have a lot of downtime between matches so we just try to put in our best people in the lineup so that they can get a lot of practice in their matches for our upcoming matches that are tough," said Eshoo.

"I think this year we have an advantage of playing them later rather than earlier in the season because we've already have experience with tough matches that we ended up winning so I think that we know strategy on how to pull out a win against tough people."

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THE RAM REPORT

Team standings

Men's Soccer

1. Norwich 3-0-1
2. Johnson & Wales 3-1
3. Albertus Magnus 2-1-1
4. Mount Ida 2-2
5. Suffolk 2-2

Volleyball

1. St. Joseph (Conn.) 5-0
2. Rivier 3-0
3. Emmanuel 3-0
4. Norwich 2-1
5. Johnson & Wales 2-1

Women's Tennis

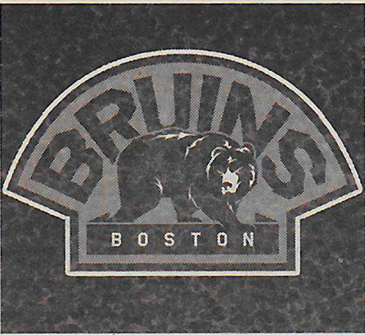
1. Simmons 4-0
2. Johnson & Wales 3-1
3. Suffolk 2-1
4. St. Joseph (Conn.) 1-3
5. Albertus Magnus 0-1

Women's Soccer

1. Lasell 5-0
2. Johnson & Wales 3-1-1
3. St. Joseph (Conn.) 3-1-1
4. Emmanuel 3-2
5. Simmons 3-2

Note that all standings are GNAC conference

Boston Bruins preview: Will bold offseason decisions cause a setback?



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Beyond the doubters, this 2014-15 Boston Bruins squad is potentially a top five team in the NHL and arguably one of the best teams in the Eastern Conference as well.

Even with the loss on Saturday to the Red Wings in a disappointing shootout, the Bruins have learned a lot from this last game and fans should be excited for the future of the team.

Patrice Bergeron will be a colossal goal-scoring asset. With three goals on Saturday night, fans should be hopeful that he will at least light the lamp 25 times and hopefully even match his last season total of 30 goals. Bergeron, with a solid set of line mates by his side this season, will be able to generate enough offense for the entire first line with his number of assists and playmaking ability.

The Bruins first line will consist of the same chemistry they had at the end of last season with Brad Marchand, Bergeron, and Riley Smith staying together.

Smith will also be contributing a substantial amount of assists by setting up Marchand and Patrice Bergeron. This trio will be able to at least muster up their last season point numbers and hopefully more.

They have some complications, especially in the fiscal department, which will not only struggle on the ice but also in the personnel decision room.

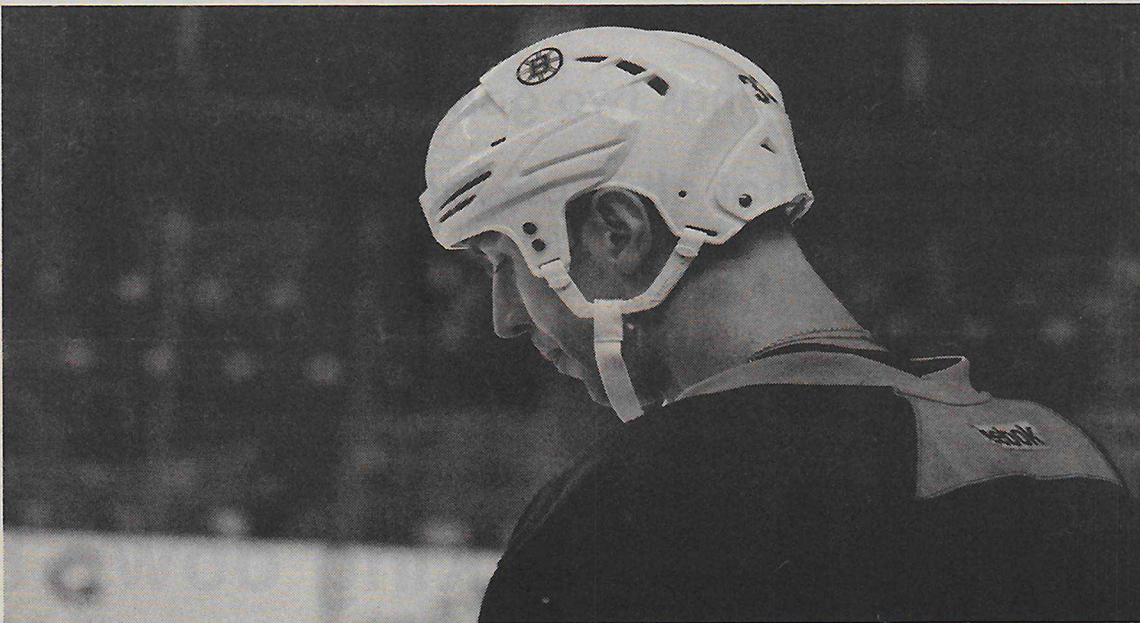
The Bruins remain tight on a budget with a small cap space. According to CapGeek.com, the Bruins have \$332,524 in salary cap space, which puts them in the seventh tightest cap space out of thirty teams. Conversely, Calgary has the most cap space in the NHL at \$15,063,333.

With a tighter cap space, more critical decisions may have to be made for a



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Rask (top left) had large shoes to fill after Tim Thomas helped the Bruins win a Stanley Cup, but followed up by winning the Vezina Trophy.



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Chara (bottom left), 37, has a younger supporting cast on defense, putting extra weight on his 6-foot-9 shoulders.

Two seasons in the books of the "Rask Era"

2012-13 season

28-14 regular season record

Lost in Stanley Cup Finals

2013-14 season

58-19 regular season record

Lost in conference semi-finals

*2012-13: NHL lockout season

team adjusting to evolving opponent schemes. Personnel did not resign veteran Jarome Iginla after a 30 goal, 31 assist season last year and wound up instead signing with the Avalanche in Colorado.

As far as the defensive end of the ice, Matt Bartkowski, Kevan Miller, Dougie Hamilton, and Torey Krug are all young, dynamic defenseman who can grow and learn to fill the void that Johnny Boychuk left behind.

All these players possess the physical mentality the team will need and will be able to generate enough points to help give the Bruins an advantage over their opponents. With a total of 89 points between those four young guns, and a little more offensive power, the Bruins can fill the empty space left by veteran Boychuk.

for next season has been cleared up, as well as the two second round draft picks that were acquired with the trade of Boychuck, the Bruins are looking at not just a successful season this year, but well into the future also.

Bruins defense will not have much to worry about with their net minder between the pipes, Tuukka Rask, the Vezina winner, was off his game Saturday night, however, do not look at that as a preview of the coming season.

Even with five power play chances, the Detroit Red Wings could only score twice on Rask. Even though Rask had a low game with a save percentage of only 89 percent, this is not expected to be a regular occurrence for the star goalie.

With little money, more sacrifices may need to be made beyond the Boychuk

trade as well. If midseason moves are needed, it will be even harder for the Bruins to make a play at a possible trade chip. Possibilities to consider even go as far as trading or releasing longtime Boston Bruins defenseman, fan favorite, Slovakian giant Zdeno Chara as he nears age 38.

Although the cap is a large issue of the Bruins, they still maintain a strong cast of players such as Marchand (LW), David Krejci (C), Bergeron (C), Hamilton (D), Milan Lucic (LW) and Loui Eriksson (RW). First team all stars from last year, Chara (D) and Finnish goalie Rask. Along with a 9.1 percent clip the Bruins will be on target in 2014-15 with consistency and big playmaking abilities from the front to the back of the depth chart.

With the Bruins' crucial players stepping up into

their roles, the team will be a huge threat in the Eastern Conference. Because of a lack of competition, the Bruins managed to steam into the playoffs last season until they faced the Montreal Canadiens. Canadiens could be a threat to the Bruins once again. Also the Stanley Cup runner-ups, the New York Rangers, could be a threat.

Winning the Cup will be difficult with the huge amount of talented teams in the Western Conference such as the Anaheim Ducks and Los Angeles Kings, but the Bruins will not have to worry about them until the finals. With less competition in the Eastern Conference, look for Boston to take the conference and give Beantown hope by advancing to another Stanley Cup opportunity come spring.

Ben Daniels helping men's soccer run toward the GNAC playoffs

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He's not Manchester City's Vincent Kompany. He's not Chelsea's John Terry. He's Suffolk University's Ben Daniels, and he's helping to pace the 2014 Men's soccer team's defense.

After dropping their first four games, the Rams have bounced back in a big way, winning four of their last five contests. Daniels, a sophomore defenseman from Nantucket, Mass., has played a significant role in the team's apparent turnaround.

In their fifth game — this time, against Regis College — the second-year student athlete put the Rams on top 1-0 at the three minute mark in the first half. Daniels and company proceeded to hold the opposition to one goal, as the Rams won in overtime thanks to an Alberto Bittan goal.

"We changed up our formation, and our style of play. We're more direct now," Daniels said. "We've come together more, we've gotten a lot of the kinks



Courtesy of Suffolk Athletics

Daniels, No. 5, has two goals off only five shot attempts for his second season as a defenseman.

out and we've found our starting defensive line." All things considered, Daniel's claims seem more than warranted.

Daniel's defense has allowed only five goals in their last five games, as the team has outscored their opponents 13 to 5 in that span. The Rams have also risen up to fourth place in the GNAC conference, which has been quite competitive over the years.

"I think coming off our win on [last] Saturday — and today [Saturday] — we have a really good chance of winning the Great Northeast Athletic Conference. We took down the defending champs, Johnson & Wales, and Alberto [Bittan] has really found his stride up top."

Next week, the Rams will take on the Emerson Lions, and subsequently face a five game streak of conference play against Mount Ida, Anna Maria, Emmanuel, Lasell and Albertus Magnus. The streak of upcoming games may very well decide where the Rams stand come playoff time.

When asked how important the upcoming conference games were to the surging

team, Daniels was quick to respond. "They're really important, it will determine our seed in the playoffs, and we really want to get home field advantage," he said. "We are very used to our home field, we practice on it everyday and we feel like our best soccer is played in front of our fans."

The Rams will play their next game Wednesday on the road to face GNAC rival Emerson College, with a chance to even their record at 5-5. That, of course, comes before the grueling five-game inter-conference streak. You can expect to see Ben Daniels starting on the pitch — for the tenth consecutive match — as the defensemen is playing his best soccer to date.

Daniels currently has two goals and an assist on the year, along with a .182 shot percentage, and a .455 shot on goal percentage. Daniels and the rest of his defensive brigade have really stepped up their play.

The young defenseman will be looking to continue his hot streak, and ultimately help to lead his Rams squad to the top of the GNAC conference.

Women's soccer not backing down to anyone

Madeline Scovotti
Journal Contributor

After matches filled with miserable weather and double overtime games, the women's soccer team ended their week with their third consecutive tie.

Last Wednesday, the team played Saint Joseph's College of Maine and tied 2-2 with all four goals scored in the second half. The Lady Rams were initially up 2-0 after freshman forward Jessica Harmon scored two unassisted goals, one off of a corner kick and the other off of a breakaway.

But, with less than eight minutes left in the game, the Monks managed to come back and score the two goals that would leave the game in a tie even after an additional 20 minutes of overtime.

When the Lady Rams came out to play in the rain again Saturday afternoon, they started out slower than in previous games. The first half was dominated by Mount Ida who led 2-0 over the Rams. It wasn't until Hannah McNulty scored off of a penalty kick

with less than five minutes remaining in the half that we saw that spark and drive to win return to the home team.

As the Lady Rams came out for the second half, it felt like a completely different team had entered the field. Within the first 15 minutes of the half, the Lady Rams fought their way back and were able to score two goals, both of which scored by Harmon. They held off Mount Ida for the majority of the remainder of the half, but with less than 10 minutes left in the game Mount Ida was able to score to tie it.

Even without the win, one of the top scorers for the team, Harmon, believes that this game was in no way a loss. She attributes the game turnaround to the team's ability to refocus and come back out strong. "I think that when we came out at the beginning, we weren't as pumped up as we usually were. After we scored off of that penalty kick, as a team we came together and got the job done."

When it comes to team goals for their upcoming game against Johnson & Wales, Harmon believes the team needs



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2014-15 women's soccer team hope to make a run at the playoffs.

"to stay strong for all 90 minutes so that we can win the games instead of tying, we need the wins to make the GNAC tournament. We need to get comfortable with our new formation and stay composed."

Harmon's chief goal, however, is to win their upcoming game against Lasell, the team's main rival.

"Every time we make it to the finals we play them and we aren't successful.

We owe it to the seniors to beat this team that we've always wanted to," she said.

Whatever the outcome may be, the Lady Rams have proven they will fight for the win through anything.